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LOW BUDGET HOTELS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has given green signal to 20 sites out of proposal of 100 sites from Ministry of Tourism for construction of low-cost budget hotels for mid-class spenders to meet the unprecedented rush of tourists during Commonwealth Games -2010;

(b) if so, the details of the sites selected by the Railways for construction;

(c) the overall total capacity of these hotels and whether these 20 hotels will meet the expected demand of Ministry of Tourism;

(d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on the construction of these hotels and by what time the construction will be over; and

(e) the fate of the remaining 80 proposals that could not find favour with the Ministry of Railways; and

(f) the reasons for their rejection?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Railways have identified 20 sites in the first phase to be developed in PPP mode. These are as follows: Madurai, Vijaywada, Secunderabad, Chandigarh, Mumbai, Tirupati, Kanniyakumari, Rameshwaram, Nagpur, Ooty, New Jalpaiguri, Agra, Pune, Darjeeling, Habibganj (Bhopal), Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Udaipur, Sealdah and Lalgarh (Bikaner).

(c): The average number of rooms in each hotel will be between 80 to 100. However, this will not meet the expected demand of Tourism Ministry

(d): These hotels are developed in PPP mode by the Private promoters.

(e) and (f): In the second phase, 10 sites are in the tender process. The remaining 70 sites are in various stages of identification of land, approval of land plans of the Railways.